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Is that even the right question?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:13-15. What is Paul's goal for the Christians of his day?

Does that goal make sense in our world today?

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Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. In these verses, Paul is echoing a principle found throughout the Bible. The principle is that God empowers generosity or put another way, that God gives to givers. What do you think of that principle?

For extra credit, look up the promises of God's blessing in the following passages: Genesis 12:2-3, Deut. 14:28-29, 15:3-6, 15:10-11, Malachi 3:10.

Given that these promises show up throughout the Bible and are echoed again in the words of Paul here, how do you think modern Christians should balance the various financial needs of modern life, like saving for retirement, paying for good education, buying good quality products, paying for good insurance and good transportation, and giving to good causes?

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